



# TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2015

## A Renaissance Near the Yahara

Nestled between two railroad tracks down by the river and only one of two buildings in our neighborhood considered “on the other side of the tracks” is the home of a happening!

No, I’m not writing about Sparkle Auto Body - this time it’s a happening! And, as my old beatnik buddies would say, this happening is where it’s at! Our lead story is about 1444 E Washington, a place

where happenings are sure to happen more often in the future.

Currently home to many cultural oddities such as “Made You Look” Custom Tattoo parlor, PilatesSpa East by proprietress Kathleen Conklin, a wine distribution center in the basement, and most notably “Art In,” which is a collective group of closely knit and/or loosely affiliated artists in rented out studio space upstairs with the main floor dedicated to rentable gallery and performance space with shows open to the public. Events sometimes include live music and beer, usually from Karben 4, one of my personal favorites now, their Fantasy Factory IPA.

Soon, the section of the building nearest East Washington, where the curved glass block exterior wall is located, will house Madison’s newest museum, the Harlem Renaissance Museum. Opening night is scheduled for March 28th with a jazz concert in the main gallery/performance space, and attendees will be able to sip on a glass of wine or a beer while listening to Har-



*Picture taken and reversed by Jessi Mulhall*

lem Renaissance inspired music. The museum will be open to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will occasionally have concerts on Saturdays, celebrating the rich heritage, culture, and arts of the Harlem Renaissance movement. Curator David Hart argues the movement has some of its origins in Madison, citing author Jane Toomer who wrote her first book, *Cane*, while studying at UW-Madison. Toomer is considered the first author of the Harlem Renaissance movement while Alain Locke, considered one of the “deans” of the Harlem Renaissance, taught at the UW. I’m looking forward to the opportunity to visit Art-In for more scheduled live performances in the near future right in our hood!

The building itself is a perfect match for the new Harlem Renaissance Museum considering its style as Art Moderne. Art Moderne is typified by the use of curved walls usually accomplished with glass block windows. According to the Wisconsin Historical Society’s

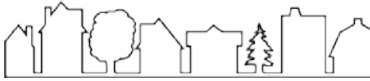
Architecture and Historical Inventory index, it is one of the only Art Moderne style buildings in Madison worthy of note. In 1946, the building at 1444 East Washington Ave was originally built as a one story by architect Gordon Lippert and had its roots in the dairy equipment manufacturing industry. Judging by its locality, I bet it was a great place to manufacture stainless steel equipment for the dairy industry. Perfectly situated right on the main thoroughfare of East Washington and between the Chicago Northwestern and the Wisconsin & Southern rail lines, this building had quite the logistical advantage for moving both raw materials and finished product. It must have made this Madison site an easy choice for G. F. Albrecht of Fort Atkinson to move his manufacturing of dairy equipment to this location.

By 1956, Albrecht was doing so well they expanded into the market in Iowa and opened up a second physical location in Mason City and locally hired architect John Flad to add a second story to the building. The second story became office spaces and currently houses the Art In studio spaces available for rent.

In the 60’s the building was sold to Bert Johnson, a mechanical engineer. By 1981, the 1444 E Washington location became the home of Great Big Pictures, a business run by the Chandler family.

In speaking with Jack Chandler, I discovered Bert is his grandfather and that he can practically call 1444 E Washington a second home. By the age of 14 he was helping his parents, William and Mary, at the family run business. The

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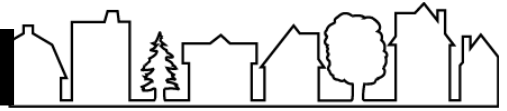
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## Ten Best Things about the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood... or What Makes Tenney-Lapham Special



### 1) Lake Mendota

Lake Mendota is within four blocks of wherever you are and it is different every single day. One year,

I took a picture from the same spot each day and no two pictures were alike.

### 2) Location

Downtown Madison is a short bike ride, bus ride, or a nice walk from everywhere, and yet our neighborhood is distinctly residential. You get the best of both worlds.

### 3) Eclectic shops

Small shops where you get personal attention and they will likely remember you from the last visit.

### 4) Eateries

Just look at the restaurants opening up lately, not to mention the fabulous neighborhood institutions like Sophia's. And there is more on the way.

### 5) Biking

The bike boulevard (Mifflin Street) gets you from the capital to the river where you can connect to the riverside path.

### 6) Gardens

Some of the gardens in Tenney-Lapham leave me speechless - they are so original and gorgeous. They're not just for vegetables anymore.

### 7) Artists

There is an art walk every summer that showcases the artists who live around us. You can pick up a map and go see what they're up to.

### 8) Chickens

You may or may not notice the chickens. When my windows are open in the summer, I hear them down the street. One of the visitors at our chicken coop tour last year said that you just don't have as many chicken coops on the west side of town.

### 9) Bike polo

Up on the reservoir at Reynolds Park, you might be able to catch sight of a bike polo game. We're excited that the Parks Department is going to sup-

port the court with official bike polo walls later this spring. When it opens, we'll have a little celebration.

### 10) Unicycles

Last but not least, Tenney-Lapham is the epicenter for unicycling. Maybe not for long as it spreads to other parts of the city, but we have children who expertly unicycle to school most days, even in the winter.

Stay in touch with events that celebrate our neighborhood by joining the listserv by writing to [tlna-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:tlna-subscribe@yahoo.com).

- Patty Prime, TLNA President

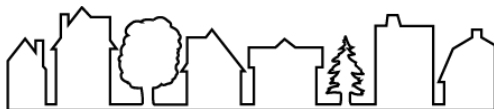
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### Summer Concerts Planned for Burr Jones Field



Today when I was outside walking through our neighborhood, it was beautifully sunny, snow was rapidly melting and it was really beginning to feel like spring

would soon break through what has seemed like a rather long winter. It has been great to visit with so many of you as I've walked around the neighborhood during these cold months, but I do look forward to our conversations taking place in warmth and daylight!

Again, there are a number of things happening in D2. I touch on some below. Feel free to get in touch with me if you have questions about any of these or other things happening in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood.

#### ***Reynolds Crane Lot***

T. Wall Enterprises is moving forward with their proposal for the Reynolds Crane lot. The project proposal is scheduled for an advisory Urban Design Commission review at the March 25 UDC meeting. That will be followed by review and action by the Plan Commission expected to be April 6. Please note that the proposed project is still subject to change. The project as most recently presented includes approximately 189 apartments in a 3- and 4-story building with a level of parking beneath the building and courtyard that is partially underground. As noted in the neighborhood steering committee report, the height is about to the middle of the fifth floor of the 6-story Das Kronenberg building which is on the same block. The neighborhood steering committee has been very involved in the review of the proposal and a number of positive changes have occurred as a result of this review and meetings between the neighborhood and the developer. There is a

lot of information related to the project on the Tenney- Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA) website, including the February 19 advisory letter to city committees from TLNA President Patty Prime. The TLNA Council chose not to vote up or down on the project but rather offer insights in the form of the favorable and unfavorable aspects of the project proposal. The TLNA Council also offered suggested conditions for the Plan Commission to consider in their review of the project.

#### ***The Galaxie***

##### ***(800 Block of East Washington)***

Construction is well underway. The noise and vibration of the pile driving is behind us. The Gebhardt team is working toward additional locally owned businesses to occupy the retail, office and residential space so we will have a vibrant building upon completion. Festival Foods is the much anticipated anchor tenant on the ground floor. More announcements are expected in the next few weeks.

#### ***McGrath Proposal***

##### ***(1200-1212 E. Wash and 9-13 N. Few)***

As reported in the last newsletter, the developer considered two possible approaches to the development of this property. One concept was four stories and preserved part of the Patriot Glass building. The other was a three-story concept which included demolition of the Patriot Glass building. Largely as a result of input from the neighborhood and the Urban Design Commission, the developer is proceeding with the three-story approach. The project proposal now includes ground floor retail/offices all along the E. Washington frontage, 75-80 units of market rate apartments and 75-80 underground parking spots. The TLNA Council voted on February 26 at a

special meeting to support the project as now proposed. They also recommended that a number of conditions be included with any city approval. The project proposal goes next to the Urban Design Commission and then to the Plan Commission. The exact timing is uncertain since the developer has not submitted the project plan at the time I'm writing this. However, it is likely that the hearings of these committees will be in May if the project plans are submitted in April. Watch my weekly Alder Updates of upcoming city meetings for the dates and locations of these meetings.

#### ***800 South Block E. Washington***

The Gebhardt team continues to work on the proposal for the 800 South Block. We are expecting updated site plans and financial data in late April or early May.

#### ***827 E. Gorham***

This property owner is being prosecuted by the City Attorney's office based on not having complied with the Madison Building Inspection department notice to repair or demolish. While it is sad to see an older home go, the building's integrity has been severely compromised and it will likely be demolished.

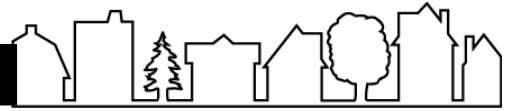
#### ***East Johnson Street***

##### ***Reconstruction and Utility Undergrounding of 800 and 900 blocks***

There are some minor bits of E. Johnson Street to finish up now that the warmer weather is here such as some pavement markings and some sidewalk repair/replacement.

Per my request the city budgeted for undergrounding of utility wires/cables on the 800 block of E. Johnson Street in 2015 and the 900 block in 2016. It has now been approved by the Joint Review Board which is made up of representatives of the County, City, Madison Col-

# Alder's Report



lege and the School District. We will be hearing from City Engineering in the near future regarding the schedule and informational meetings about this project. Because of other pending projects and staffing availability, both blocks may be done in 2016.

## Central Park

By the time you receive this newsletter a community meeting sponsored by Alder Rummel and me will have been held (on March 10) to review the first year of Central Park operations. We expect to receive input from East Isthmus neighbors and event organizers about issues and to receive input on conditions related to Central Park events going forward. Both Parks staff and representatives of the Department of Public Health will attend.

## District 2 Restaurant Update

### 912 E. Johnson –

#### Salvatore's Tomato Pies

Salvatore's is now open. We've been there several times and love this addition to D2. Enjoy!

### 1344 E. Washington – Pasqual's

Pasqual's Southwestern Cantina had planned to open March 1, 2015 but ran into a few more construction challenges than expected. We are now looking forward to our first meals there in May.

## Madison Public Market District

The City of Madison is making progress on the Madison Public Market District slated to be in the area of E. Washington and First Street if appropriate property can be secured. The project is currently under the purview of the Local Food Committee. The Project for Public Spaces (PPS) is the consultant helping with the project. The PPS is expected to make a presentation to the Local Food Committee and community on the draft business plan in April. In May additional city committees such

as the Economic Development Committee, the Food Policy Council and the Sustainability Committee will review the draft business plan. The Common Council is expected to receive the draft business plan in late May or early June. The City budget for 2015 requires that the market's business plan be vetted and approved prior to any purchase of property.

## Let's Eat Out! Concert series

The Let's Eat Out concert series and celebration of food carts at Burr Jones Field was approved by the Parks Commission. Event dates are June 21 and 28, July 5, and September 27, 2015. Music will be from noon – 6:00 pm. Sound levels are not to exceed 80 db at the periphery of the park. More information will be available about this musical event series as it draws closer.

## Tenney Park

### Playground and Lagoon

The City of Madison will be replacing the playground equipment at the Tenney Park Beach in 2015. The second public meeting to gather input was held in January. The selected playground option can be found on the Tenney Park website. Just enter Tenney Park into the search option on the city website and click on the first link that pops up.

City Engineering and City Parks will be doing a major shoreline restoration

and stabilization project this summer around Tenney Lagoon. The project will address erosion both on the mainland shoreline and the island shoreline. Additionally, the bike path through Tenney Park will be reconstructed. The project will take place between July and November 2015. As a result of this project, the John Wall Family Pavilion will not be available for reservations from July 6 to December 15, 2015 and access to the park will be restricted at times.

## Your Voice

I continue to hear from a number of you. I appreciate that. I value your ideas and opinions. Phone, email or in-person all work.

- Alder Ledell Zellers

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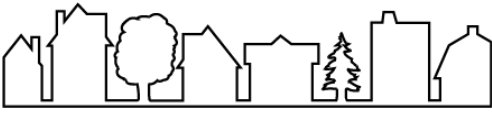
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## “East Side Pride -- Support your Purgolders!”

There have been a few exciting developments this winter for your Madison East Purgolder athletes, and more fun is in store for neighborhood fans, and Purgolders-to-be.

The East High men’s basketball team has had an impressive season, second only to Memorial in Big 8 Conference standings, with a 19-6 regular season record, and winning its Sectional title against the odds, to advance to play in the State Tournament at the Kohl Center! At the time of the writing of this article, Madison East had just won its Sectional Title in dramatic fashion -- having to beat Middleton, Verona (a team it had lost to twice in the regular season), and Kenosha Indian Trails (a team that had beat Big 8 Conference Champs Memorial in the playoff game just before). East’s first Regional match in the WIAA playoffs had to be postponed because of the Tony Robinson shooting and many East players were directly affected by that tragic event. Their Sectional title game against Indian Trails was the same day as the funeral for Mr. Robinson at East High School. East seems to have found some serious heart through this tough time, and powerfully beat both

Verona and Indian Trails by over 30 points -- highly unexpected outcomes! No matter the outcome of the next step in this season -- the State Tournament -- the Purgolders have taken East and our east side community for a fun and inspiring ride, invoking much East Side Pride when it was most needed.

The fun will continue this fall and the connections between East High and our Tenney-Lapham community will deepen when East will begin to call Breese Stevens stadium its home field for various sporting events! Pursuant to an agreement approved on March 3rd between the City of Madison and the Madison School District, East is being given priority access to Breese Stevens for its soccer and football games. The Big 8 Conference schedule for 2015-16 already reflects East home games at Breese Stevens. East students and parents and neighborhood friends will surely enjoy the chance to stroll to an East home game on crisp fall nights this year; for our youngest neighbors, it will be a special experience to see the big kids play and cheer right here in our neighborhood, and to begin to develop that Purgolder spirit right away.

There’s an opportunity to support Purgolder athletes coming up soon -- join neighbors and friends at the “Achieving Excellence Through Athletics” benefit for East Boosters at the Goodman Community Center on April 17th, including a performance by V05. For more information on the event and the associated online/silent auction, check out: <https://www.facebook.com/MEHSBoosters>.

- Mary Beth Collins

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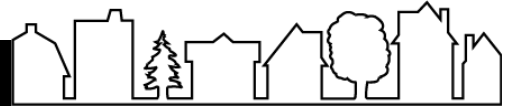
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2. Kicking off . . . Picnics in the Park  
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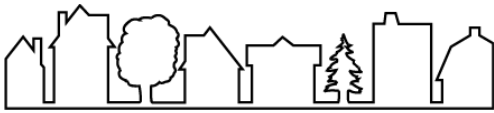


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To test your literature literacy, we invite you to take the following quiz. The level of difficulty is around 2 on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the most difficult). Try to do it without cheating. But if you must, the answers are located on page 19.

Have fun!

- Ann Rulseh and Jean Dunn

Match the book with its protagonist:

- |                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn     | • Francie Nolan    |
| 2. The Scarlet Letter           | • Atticus Finch    |
| 3. Christmas Carol              | • Hester Prynne    |
| 4. Pride and Prejudice          | • Ebenezer Scrooge |
| 5. Catcher in the Rye           | • Elizabeth Bennet |
| 6. Their Eyes Were Watching God | • Holden Caulfield |
| 7. To Kill a Mockingbird        | • Janie Crawford   |


Fill in the Blank:

8. The Mill on the \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ The Beloved Country
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a Lady
11. Crime and \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Expectations
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Antonia
14. The Good \_\_\_\_\_
15. Just \_\_\_\_\_ My Head

Match the author with their tome:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 16. Herman Melville   | • Don Quixote                 |
| 17. Margaret Mitchell | • Moby Dick                   |
| 18. Leo Tolstoy       | • Bleak House and many others |
| 19. James Joyce       | • Gone With the Wind          |
| 20. George Eliot      | • War and Peace               |
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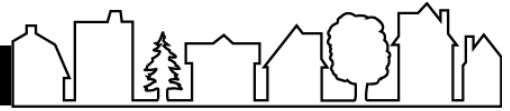




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# County Executive's Report



## Access to Opportunity is Being Launched



Dane County is repeatedly ranked as one of the best places to live in America - with practically limitless opportunity. However, not all of our residents have access to all our community has to offer. My top priority as County Executive is to work with our entire community to ensure that every single resident has access to opportunity which is why I recently launched my Access to Opportunity initiative.

We know the most reliable vehicle out of poverty and toward upward mobility is accessing and maintaining family sustaining employment. All of my efforts will support our residents in accomplishing that goal by addressing barriers that they may face along the way.

Some of the most urgent challenges include: access to a valid drivers license, successful reentry to the community after incarceration, employment training and placement, and mental health services. My *Access to Opportunity* initiative will work with the community, businesses, and other levels of government, including the state, to tackle some of these challenges in a practical way.

We are embarking on challenging, yet exciting, work in our efforts to make Dane County a better place to work, play and live for all its residents. I am optimistic that *Access for Opportunity* will take a large step forward towards addressing some of the longstanding issues of inequity and racial disparities we face in this community. We no longer have the luxury of discussing the problems without taking bold and meaningful action steps towards ad-

ressing them. That's what my plan attempts to do.

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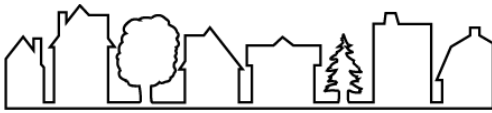
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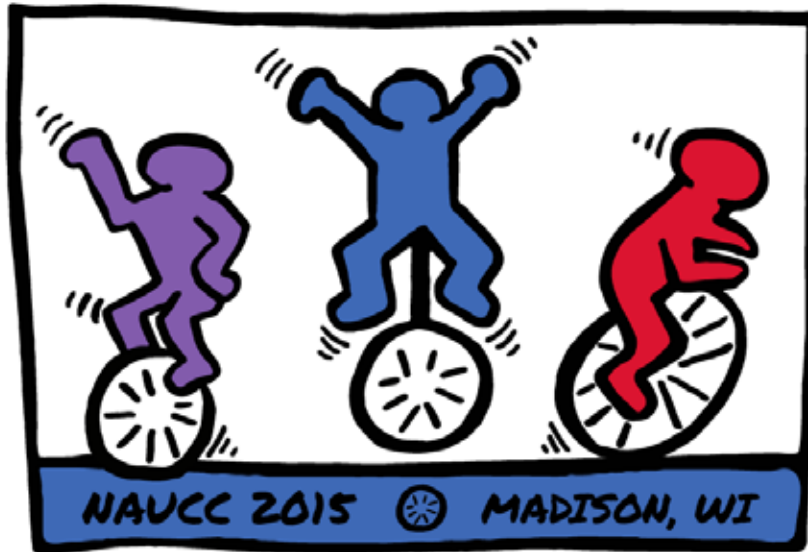
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# Tenney-Lapham to Host National Unicycling Championships

A posse of young unicyclists is not an unusual site in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood. Come this summer, you could see some of the world's best unicycle athletes right here in the 'hood!

Madison Unicyclists, a local non-profit unicycling group that works with local elementary and middle schools to promote activity among youths, is hosting the 2015 North American Unicycling Convention and Championships (NAUCC) July 25 – August 1, 2015. This event will



draw more than 300 competitors and unicycling enthusiasts to Madison from across the continent for a week of events that will be held throughout our city.

the hosting of events right here in our One of planners' main goals for the event is to have the competition and convention centered around the community that Madison Unicyclists call home: Tenney-Lapham. The TLNA has been a great partner in the planning for this event, supporting

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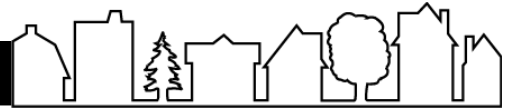
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neighborhood, including the cyclocross, flatland, and criterium competitions on Saturday, August 1st.

Cyclocross is an exciting race where riders traverse multiple laps of a challenging grass course including uphill and downhill, bumps, and obstacles that require you to dismount and carry your unicycle over them. The winner is the one who can do the most laps. This race will be held in Tenney Park.

In the flatland competition, riders compete to do the best tricks on flat pavement. A preliminary round decides who will compete in the battle-style final round.

The criterium typically covers a distance of 5k to 10k by doing multiple laps around a technical course, this year through part of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. The format makes the race really fun for spectators.

Other events taking place during

the competition include track, distance events like the 10k and marathon, and artistic freestyle events. Competitors will also navigate man-made obstacles in an event called "trials" and race up and down rocky trails for mountain unicycling or "muni" events. Unicyclists play team sports too, including floor hockey and basketball, all while riding unicycles. You won't believe it until you see it!

We hope to see our neighbors out at the events in our neighborhood and at other venues like the Goodman Community Center and the UW-Arboretum.

We'd also welcome your help as a volunteer! It takes a lot of work to run an event like this and we'd love your involvement. No unicycle riding or experience required! Please consider lending a hand; we have lots of different opportunities for volunteers. Help set up an event course, set competitors up with

timing equipment for races, or help visitors to our city find a great neighborhood business for a sandwich or cup of coffee.

Interested in sponsoring this event or know a business that you think would? Contact [vice.president@maduni.com](mailto:vice.president@maduni.com) for information. We are also offering advertising opportunities in the event program.

Madison Unicyclists looks forward to hosting this national competition and showing all of the visiting competitors our wonderful city and neighborhood. You can learn more about the Madison Unicyclists at [maduni.com](http://maduni.com) and about this summer's event at [uninationals2015.com](http://uninationals2015.com). To stay up to date on competition plans, "like" our Facebook page ([uninationals2015](https://www.facebook.com/uninationals2015)).

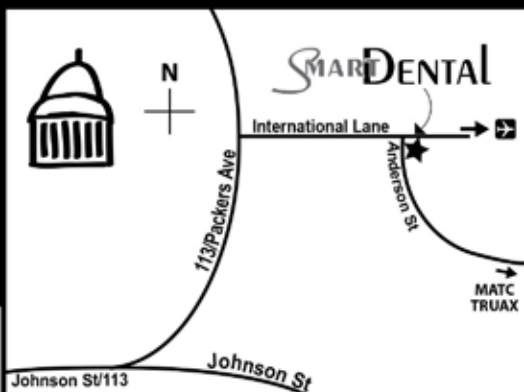
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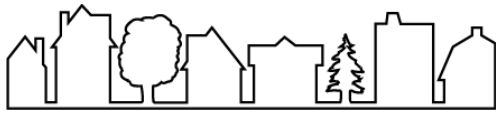


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## Got Chickens?

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If you were on the tour last year, please consider participating again. If

you have chickens and would like to join the tour for the first time, please contact me. It is always fun to add new coops to the tour. If you know folks in the hood that have chickens, please spread the word. It is a fun way to meet neighbors, share the joy of backyard chickens, and have a great deal of fun in a short amount of time on a beautiful June afternoon.

Contact me at [martastaple@gmail.com](mailto:martastaple@gmail.com).

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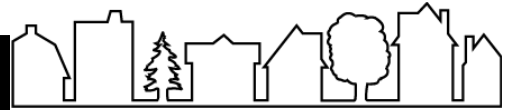
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## Registration is Open for Make Music Madison

The City of Madison is excited to again sponsor an event that turns the entire city into a stage for showcasing our great array of musical talent.

**Make Music Madison** is a free, city-wide celebration that takes place on the first day of summer, June 21<sup>st</sup>. In its 2013 inaugural event, Madison joined 700 communities worldwide in this global musical celebration. Debuting with 280 concerts and growing in 2014 to 480 performances at more than one hundred venues across town, Madison is already the second largest Make Music event in the Western Hemisphere!

**Make Music Madison** invites neighborhood associations, musicians, businesses, non-profits and all Madisonians to create performances and to showcase the music and creativity of their neighborhoods. Artists and venues can register to perform or to

host a performance at [www.make-musicmadison.org](http://www.make-musicmadison.org). Registration is open from March 15<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>.

In 2015, Make Music Madison will again bring music and fun to neighborhoods all across Madison. With a focus on emerging musicians, there will be a lot of diversity in musical talent spanning genres, ages, ethnicities, and skill levels. Music will be performed in all kinds of locations, including parks, community centers, fire stations, public and private outdoor spaces and more. Each neighborhood plans and hosts its own celebration, aided by citywide matchmaking software and publicity.

Then, on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, all of Madison is invited to rove the city sampling new musicians and new neighborhoods throughout the day.

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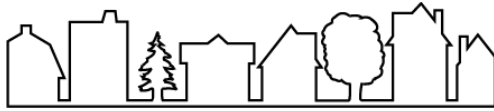
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*(Renaissance - from page 1)*

concept of Great Big Pictures is simple - anyone could contact them with a photo and they would blow it up and print it in any size. In an age prior to digital printing, through the 80's and 90's they kept growing and growing, and their business expanded into the facility adjacent on Thornton Ave and the river. By 2006 they moved from the East Washington and Thornton avenue locations out to Manufacturers Drive by the airport. 1444 E Washington sat on the market for sale for years.

In 2011, Karin Wolf, the city of Madison's Arts Program Administrator, approached William Chandler at a conference about the desperate need this city had for artists to rent studio space and plead with the Chandlers to consider opening up the vacated building to artists. In the fall of 2011, William Chandler came to a TLNA council meeting and told us about how Karin Wolf ap-

proached him, and how he was reluctant at first, but never had he had a more enjoyable time working with the city on getting the building ready for artists renting studio space. He let us know the building had 24/7 locked access for artists with gallery space which would be open to the public for four to six shows a year. The TLNA council endorsed the idea of allowing beer and wine to be available for the gallery nights.

William turned the property management over to Jack who was really excited about the concept of the new venue for artists. Studio space became available in March of 2012, and according to Jack, it filled up almost immediately. On the weekend of July 13-14th, 2012, "Art In" had its grand opening. Since its inception "Art In" has proven to be an incubator for arts & ideas and home to creative, thriving small businesses. The art studios upstairs are all rented out. The gallery

space is nearly booked up for the next few months and will feature an MFA gallery night in May. Jack has taken to calling the performance area towards the back of the main floor "Maria," named after Bert's great granddaughter.

Chandler said the space will get a lot more traffic and a lot more use starting with opening night for the Harlem Renaissance Museum on March 28.

I am very happy with the "happening" happening on the other side of the tracks! The city did us a great service persuading the Chandlers into turning this part of our hood into such a vibrant vortex for visual artists. Soon the jazz vibes of live concerts and celebration of cultural heritage heralded by the Harlem Renaissance Museum will be a great fit for the old Great Big Pictures building and the Tenney Lapham neighborhood.

- Jessi Mulhall

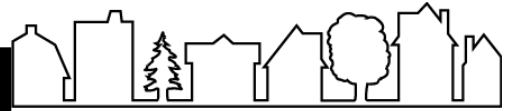


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# Parks



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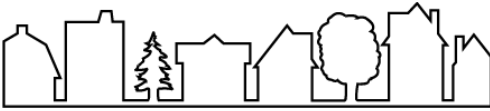
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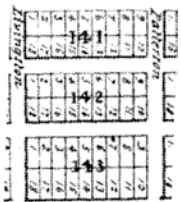
# History

## A Brief History of a Block

For the thirty-five years I have lived in the neighborhood, the block in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood bounded by East Washington, Paterson, Livingston and Mifflin streets has been the site of car lots. With the current construction (the Galaxie) happening on that block, I became curious about the block's history – how it has evolved from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present.

My interest was further piqued by a class I am auditing this semester at the UW - American Environmental History taught by William Cronon. One of the papers that is required of the students is a 'place paper' where you have to "write a description or tell a story that will explain to the reader how this place came to have the shape and qualities it has today. You should think of this paper as an exercise in historical, geographical, and environmental change." As I senior guest auditor I just attend the lectures and don't write papers or take exams but I thought I would utilize some of the concepts I am learning to write a brief history of that block for this newsletter. Here is what I discovered:

In 1836 James Doty laid out the plat of Madison. The map he created shows the familiar grid pattern that still exists. All the avenues, including East Washington, were 132 feet wide and the streets were 66 feet wide. The map shows the block bounded by



Atkins Used Car Exchange in a Trachte building, 823 E Mifflin Street, with car dealers standing along side several used cars on display. Photograph taken in 1937 by Angus McVicar. Wisconsin Historical Society, WHS-15772

East Washington, Paterson, Livingston, and Mifflin (Plot 143) as having nine lots on East Washington and nine lots on E. Mifflin street). However development on that block and in much of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood was delayed for many years by the simple fact that it was a cattail marsh. It was not until the 1890s that the marshes began to be drained and filled in. Those of us who garden in the area can attest to that by all the debris we find when digging in the soil – it is definitely not prairie loam!

The first record I could find in Madison's city directories of a building on that block was in the 1896-1897 directory which showed a house at 854 East Washington, occupied by Michael Judge, a porter at the Park Hotel. The 1911 directory indicated eleven buildings on the block, five on E. Mifflin and six on E. Washington. The buildings were probably single family houses as the directory shows no businesses on that block. There is a wonderful picture from 1910 showing horses and the old city market and in the background is our block with a number of houses on it - see <http://tinyurl.com/psb2om6>.

The 1921 directory shows two businesses on the block – Barney Lyons

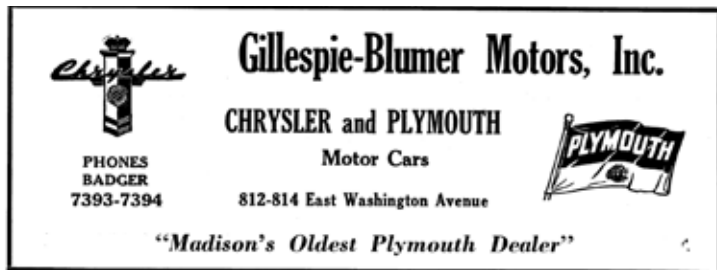
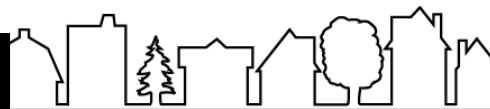
Cigars at 854 East Washington and the Dexter Curtis Zinc Horse-Collar Pad Company at 826 East Washington. At one point the Dexter Curtis Company was the largest manufacturers of horse collar pads, collar caps and ankle boots in the world. You can read more about the Dexter Curtis company at <http://tinyurl.com/l38bc5q>. The 1921 directory also shows three buildings at 18, 20, and

24 North Paterson streets so the original plots from Doty's 1836 map, which just showed lots on East Mifflin and East Washington, were deviated from.

The 1920s were boom years for car ownership in the U.S. For example, in 1918 Ford produced 436,000 cars; a scant five years later, in 1923 Ford produced 1,831,000 cars. The 1931 Madison directory reflects that trend by listing three automobile-related businesses on the block. At 802 East Washington was Hokanson-Thompson-Scott, Inc. which advertised Oakland and Pontiac cars, the Oakland Motor Car Company being a producer of modestly-priced cars until it was absorbed into Pontiac in 1931. At 812-14 E. Washington was the Auto Service Company which advertised "Cadillac Limousines for Parties, Weddings, and Funerals or by the Hour". And at 9-17 North Livingston was Madison Auto Wrecking Company which advertised "Dealers in all kinds of Used Cars, Parts, New and Used Tires. We buy and sell used cars and trucks". Those three automobile-related businesses were the start of a trend that typified that block and, indeed, much of East Washington Avenue on the Isthmus for the next



# History



by two brothers, Bob and Mac McDonald. Francis McMahan, who has lived in the neighborhood since 1933 and has a wealth of knowledge about the history of the

familiar to many older Madisonians – Schappe Motors – which had their used car lot at 820 East Washington (their new car lot, selling DeSoto and Plymouth cars, was across the street at 801). Gillespie-Blumer was still at 802-814 East Washington and Livesey Decorating Service was at 824 East Washington. The gas station at 850 was now called Stoneman Service Gas Station. At 809 East Mifflin was the Central Wisconsin Motors Transport Company. At 809 E. Mifflin, another car-related company makes its appearance: Central Wisconsin Motors Transport Company. The Waters Motor Company had moved a block away to 754 East Washington.

eighty years, from 1930-2010 - the advent of car-related businesses along East Washington.

*from the 1941 Madison city directory*

Other new businesses on East Washington in the 1931 directory were Fyr-Fyter Sales Company at 824 which dealt in fire extinguishers, the Drott Tractor Company at 838, and a restaurant owned by George Bodia at 854. There were many single family houses on East Mifflin and East Washington, mixed in with the businesses.

neighborhood, has fond memories of the White Cabin Café. In the late 40's and early 50's Francis used to wash dishes after school and on Saturdays at the White Cabin. Francis said his favorite song as a kid was the "Minnesota Polka" by the Six Fat Dutchmen from New Ulm, Minnesota. He said that whenever he started slowing down washing the dishes, Mac McDonald would put five cents in the jukebox to play the "Minnesota Polka" so Francis would speed up with the dishes! He said that the café started as a typical root beer stand where you ordered your food at an outside window but eventually the café was enclosed. It was open twenty-one hours a day, from 5 a.m to 2 a.m with the two brothers each taking a shift. Francis said it was very popular with truck drivers and workers for two reasons: good food at a good price and the meat was excellent, coming from the best meat market in town, Model Meat Market at the corner of N. Paterson/E. Johnson streets. The White Cabin Café closed in the early 1960s.

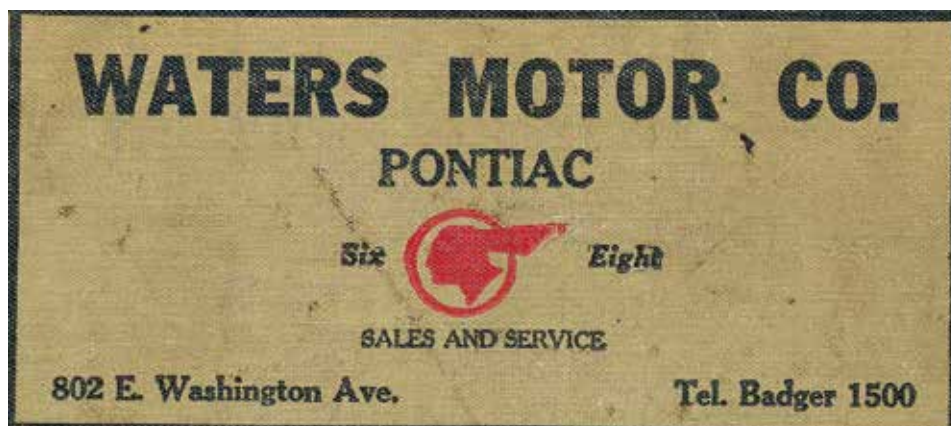
The 1961 directory shows the car lot at 802 East Washington is now called Duquaine & Blumer Motors. Along with selling the American cars Valiant, Plymouth, Chrysler, and Imperial, Duquaine & Blumer now advertised that they were selling foreign automobiles: Renault and Peugeot. In 1961 Schappe is still on the block as is Livesey Painting, Ridge Madison Auto, Madison Machine & Engine Dairy Equipment. At 16 N. Paterson is the Tip Top Garage Auto Repair. There is also a gas station at 850 East Washington owned by Robert Melter.

Even though the depression years of the 1930s brought a sharp drop in automobile sales in the country, the car related businesses on the block continued to exist. The 1941 Madison directory shows that the Pontiac dealer at 802 East Washington was now Waters Motor Company. At 812-14 East Washington was Gillespie-Blumer Motors which sold Chrysler and Plymouth cars. At 826 East Washington was Ridge Madison Company dealing in automobile parts. At 844 East Washington was Madison Machine and Engine Company, and at 850 East Washington was Soper's Super Service Station, a Sinclair dealership.

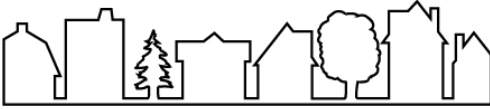
The 1951 directory showed a name

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At 838 East Washington was the Gardner Baking Company's garage and retail store. The building was partitioned – one section contained the delivery trucks and the other section was a store that sold day-old baked goods. Their main plant was across the street – you can still see the words Gardner Baking Co. on the side of the building at 849 East Washington. Gardner Bakery moved to 3401 East Washington in the early 1950s.



The White Cabin Café makes its first appearance in the 1951 directory. It was located at 841 East Mifflin and owned



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Washington, Schappe Pontiac at 820 and Robert Melter Service Gas Station at 850. The 1980 directory shows Schappe Conway Dodge at 802 East Washington, Schappe Pontiac Used Cars at 820 East Washington, and Jim's Arco gas station at 850 East Washington. On E. Mifflin street was Allied Machine Service at 805 and Four Lakes Auto Body at 811. The 1990 directory shows only two businesses on the entire block: Don Miller Used Cars and Hertz Car Sales.

In 2004 a local developer, Gary Gorman, wanted to buy the block from Don Miller to build a ten-story apartment complex and offices. In 2006 Gorman withdrew his proposal because of a funding dispute with the city over TIF money. The block remained the Don Miller car lot until 2010 when the city of Madison purchased the entire block for \$5.8 million dollars from Don Miller. Otto Gebhardt, who had recently

developed the Constellation across the street, won the rights to develop the block. His project, called the Galaxie, is a 90 million dollar development which when finished in 2016 will incorporate a grocery store, a 205 unit fourteen story apartment tower, and 33,000 square feet of commercial and retail space. New housing units will be built on East Mifflin street

So what conclusions can I draw from this abbreviated history? It obviously shows the influence of car culture in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Beginning in the 1960s major car dealers moved to the outskirts of the city because of cheaper land and housing and employment patterns. However many smaller used car companies continue to have businesses along East Washington on the isthmus. This history also shows how certain businesses, e.g., the Dexter Curtis Zinc Horse-Collar Pad Company, were displaced by that

car culture. Neighborhoods and cities are constantly being reinvented and the history of that block over the last 120 years is a prime example of that.

- Bob Shaw

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27 N Ingersoll	1156	\$215,000

## Sold

No sold properties this past quarter

These statistics were compiled by the editor and Tobi Silgman of Keller Williams. If you have any questions about what your home may be worth, please contact Tobi at 608-279-3591 or by email at [tobi@lizlauer.com](mailto:tobi@lizlauer.com).

## Answers to We're Booked from page 8:

1. Francie Nolan
2. Hester Prynne
3. Ebenezer Scrooge
4. Elizabeth Bennet
5. Holden Caulfield
6. Janie Crawford
7. Atticus Finch
8. Floss
9. Cry
10. Portrait
11. Punishment
12. Great
13. My
14. Earth
15. Above
16. Moby Dick
17. Gone With the Wind
18. War and Peace
19. Ulysses
20. Middlemarch
21. Bleak House and many others
22. Don Quixote

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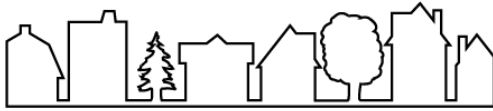
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## Art Walk - June 21

### 14<sup>th</sup>-Annual Tenney-Lapham Art Walk Seeks Artists

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tenney-Lapham Art Walk will take place on Sunday, June 21 from 1-5pm. Artists living in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood are invited to participate. Each artist displays their work in their home for the public to come in and see. The public is given a map guiding them from artist house to house. Contact: [sharonredinger@gmail.com](mailto:sharonredinger@gmail.com) if you are interested in being in the Art Walk.

At this time, the participating artists are:

- Brian McCormick, Watercolor Paintings, 407 N. Brearly
- Jane Scharer, Printmaking, 842 Prospect Place
- Bill Redinger, Original Serigraphs, 408 Washburn Place
- Sharon Redinger, Watercolor Paintings, 408 Washburn Place
- Chris Julson and Mike Franke, Photography, 421 North Paterson,

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- Lorna Aaronson, Bookmaking, 464 Marston Avenue
- Ken Vogel, Puppet Maker, 917 East Dayton
- Jay Solwold, Assemblage Art, 1127 Sherman Avenue

In addition to maps in the next Tenney-Lapham newsletter, maps will be available at 408 Washburn on Sunday, June 21 starting at 1pm.



*Wet Spring at Tenney Park - Watercolor by Brian McCormick*



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